
DIGEST

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HB No. 162

Abstract: Creates the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board to advise the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources on matters pertaining to the preservation of the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove area and to the development of recreational opportunities in the area.

Proposed law creates the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board to advise the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources on matters pertaining to the preservation of the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove area and to the development of recreational opportunities in the area. (This area is on the edge of the Atchafalaya Basin in St. Mary and Iberia parishes.) Proposed law requires the board to:

- (1) Assess the impact natural processes and human activity are having on the area.
- (2) Advise the secretary on policies and projects that will preserve the natural state of the area and make recreational enjoyment of the area available to more people.
- (3) Evaluate the effectiveness of governmental policies and projects and report to the secretary on any need for changes therein.
- (4) Ensure that decisions of the board are consistent with the Atchafalaya Basin Master Plan, Annual plan, and the master plan for coastal protection and restoration.

Authorizes the board to commission studies and prepare reports relating to the purpose for which it is created and may solicit, accept, and expend funds for such purposes.

Requires that any project proposed by the board which may impact the water quality or management in the Atchafalaya Basin follow the procedures required for water management projects to be included in the Atchafalaya Basin annual plan.

Proposed law provides that the board is comprised as follows:

- (1) La. House of Representatives members representing Districts 49 and 50 and La. Senate members representing districts 21 and 22 or their designees.
- (2) Those legislators shall also appoint one commercial fisherman and one person from a list of three nominations submitted by the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

- (3) Two members of the Chitimacha Tribe appointed by the governing authority of the tribe.
- (4) One member appointed by the mayor of Baldwin subject to confirmation by the governing authority of Baldwin.
- (5) One member appointed by the mayor of Jeanerette subject to confirmation by the governing authority of Jeanerette.
- (6) The member of the St. Mary Parish governing authority representing Council District Number 1 or his designee and the member of the Iberia Parish governing authority representing Council District Number 11 or his designee.
- (7) The Eagle Point Park Committee shall appoint two of its members to serve on the board.
- (8) The governing authority of the St. Mary Parish Consolidated Water and Sewer District of Charenton shall appoint one of its members to serve on the board.
- (9) The lieutenant governor and the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources may each designate an individual to serve as a nonvoting member of the board.

Proposed law provides that appointed members serve terms concurrent with the respective appointing authority. Provides for meetings of the board and requires that meetings be held at the Chitimacha Tribal Center unless the board determines that the center is impractical or unavailable.

(Adds R.S. 30:2000.13 and R.S. 36:359(B) and 917)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Requires the board to ensure that decisions of the board are consistent with the Atchafalaya Basin Master Plan, Annual plan, and the master plan for coastal protection and restoration.
2. Requires that any project proposed by the board which may impact the water quality or management in the Atchafalaya Basin follow the procedures required for water management projects to be included in the Atchafalaya Basin annual plan.